Murphysboro City Council Meeting November 12, 2013

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 12th day of November, 2013. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Pastor Kim Magwire led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Stephens led the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Stephens then directed City Clerk Cottonaro to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

Present: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny

Bratton, Mark Costa, Sandra Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Absent: Ron Nolan

Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 8, 2013 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bastien Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #511 through November 8, 2013, accounts receivable through November 8, 2013 and payroll through November 8, 2013. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

William Ryan of 2316 Gartside Street addressed the council regarding the alley behind his house. He does not want to have it closed; it has access to the city sewer and his property. His neighbor is giving him problems. With it closed the trash trucks cannot use it and he has to move trash to the front. Issue is to be placed on the 11/18/13 agenda and he is requested to attend. Mike Ryan also addressed the issued.

Brian Manwaring presented a photo of the high school football team to the city for their "Feed the Team" promotion. This has been the first winning team since 1999.

John Baltzell addressed the council regarding the issue of throwing of ads. He has talked with Mayor Stephens and he would like to discuss with the committee. He was instructed to attend the Public Improvement Committee meeting on 11/18/13 at 5:30 pm.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stephens:

Motion: To approve appointment of Frank Puttman and Steve Glodo to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion by Alderman Costa Second by Alderman Bratton Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Brian Hollo will be here at the November 18th meeting for the swearing in; all council members are requested to attend this meeting.

Motion: To approve Brian Hollo as the Murphysboro Police Chief effective 12/2/13.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Bullar Yeas: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Mike Bastien, Dan Bratton, Sandi

Bullar, Gary McComb, Russell Brown, Bill Pierson

Nays: None

Abstain: Mark Costa

Motion Carried

Mayor Stephens requested to table the discussion regarding light duty at various departments.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Public Improvement Committee meeting of October 21, 2013

No action taken.

Building & Grounds Committee meeting of October 21, 2013

No action taken.

Community Relations Committee meeting of October 28, 2013

Alderman Hughes indicated that Habitat for Humanity is holding a dedication this Saturday, November 16th at 10 a.m. for the new home located on Commercial Street. Everyone is invited.

Mayor Stephens indicated that Habitat for Humanity will be able to take the lot on Clarke Street.

Mayor Stephens announced that Big Brothers and Big Sisters will be host an event on November 20th at 6 pm at the Carbondale Community High School and everyone is invited.

Public Safety Committee meeting of October 21, 2013.

Motion: To approve a stop sign on North 20th and Clarke Streets.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Seconded by Alderman Hughes Yeas: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny Bratton,

Sandi Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Nays: Mark Costa Motion Carried

Motion: To approve a No Outlet and 25 MPH speed limit sign on the city limit part of Murdale Gardens Road.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Seconded by Alderman Bastien Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve a purchase of 5-6 animal control traps at a cost of approximately \$300.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Bratton Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

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Motion Carried

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Public Works Committee meeting of October 28, 2013.

Motion: To approve adding \$600 to the budget for the purchase of 20 posts at \$30 each.

Motion by Alderman Costa Second by Alderman Hughes

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve accepting the proposal from Brown Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$36,050 for the installation of a UPS Battery System on the exiting traffic controller.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman McComb

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

There is one property in the list that is just a strip of property, not a house so we are pull that out. Properties should go for an average cost of \$631.50.

Motion: To approve up to \$20,000 out of Rehab Loan funds to purchase approximately 20 tax sale properties.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Budget & Finance Committee meeting of October 28, 2013.

Motion: To approve accounts payable register #510 through October 28, 2013.

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve writing off the loan of Ron Brannon in the amount of \$2189.50.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Brown

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Personnel Committee meeting of October 21, 2013

Motion: To approve Joshua Thompson having seniority in public works union as he started the shift first.

Motion by Alderman Costa Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

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Mayor Stephens informed the council that you are innocent until proven guilty. Discussion centered on his ability to serve. Alderman Ardrey stated we should keep an open line of communication and ask what his intentions are.

Motion: To approve drafting a letter to Alderman Nolan regarding consideration of his situation and his ability to continue in his position.

Motion by Alderman Costa Second by Alderman Bastien

Yeas: Mike Bastien, Russell Brown, Mark Costa

Abstain: Gary McComb

Motion Carried

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Barbara Hughes Nothing

Vicki Ardrey Nothing

Bill Pierson Nothing

Mike Bastien Remind Mr. & Mrs. Ryan about the November 18th meeting

here.

Danny Bratton He received several compliments on the good work that

Darrin is doing.

Mark Costa Nothing

Sandi Bullar Nothing

Russell Brown Company that is putting in the water line has created

problems on 4th street. Cannot stop because of loose rock. Mayor Stephens will take a look at that and see if it is us or

the contractor.

Gary McComb Do we keep track of our time when we go behind water line

company? They should come back to check their work. He would like to open up holding area for leaves and brush on Saturday from 9-1. Mayor Stephens indicated he

should decide when and we'll Facebook, marquee, tweet,

send notice on the water bills.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Richard Blake Nothing

Eric Kennedy Nothing

Tim Lee Nothing

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Brian Manwaring Nothing

Ron Manwaring Nothing

Darrin Mills Nothing

Ed Reiman Nothing

Sandra Ripley Nothing

Jim Stewart Nothing

Steve Swafford Nothing

Bill Center Battery installation was discussed. Eric should contact them

and get with Sandra and JTB. Also he will look into street and traffic signs. There is a program sponsored by IDOT where all street and traffic signs that need to be replaced can be for free. We are to make an inventory of every sign

in town, send the list and they will give us new signs.

Sometimes the county makes your inventory.

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Costa Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.